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Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you most assuredly for your kind letter of August 14th, in response to mine of July 17th. It is surely a delight to communicate with you, the most prominent person in this unique field of colonial and Continental currency. Surely we all owe you an everlasting debt of gratitude for the extensive research done to document this early American ephemera.

With regard to the previously referenced CC/09/26/78-\$50 note in my possession, I have re-examined it further and believe that the one remaining (nearly) visible signature is that of J[oseph] Walter, not John Salter as originally thought. It does not appear to be counterfeit, though I have acquired contemporary counterfeit notes of other emissions.

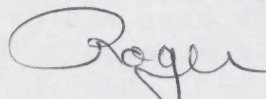
Also since my last letter to you, I have acquired a used copy of the third edition of your book, so now have a complete four volume collection thereof. (It sure would be nice to get a fifth edition someday!)

Thanks for acknowledging the apparent typographic error re: CT/03/01/80-2s6d vs. "1s6d."

Am still expanding my reference guide of signatories to all those persons of national, state, province, colony, and military prominence (supplementing the fine lists that you have already provided). Of course, my guide may never be completely done, but am certainly discovering new persons and adding information regularly. This could be a real impetus to broaden interest in this collecting specialty, when people can focus on lesser-known but still valid historical figures. But I don't know how I can get it into the public domain, albeit with inevitable updates, with perhaps some remuneration to myself.

Thanks again for your kind assistance and cooperation.

Yours truly,



Roger E. Barnes

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Dear Mr. Newman:

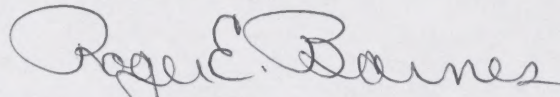
I trust that this letter gets to you through your publisher. Let me say first of all how grateful I am for your scholarship, resulting in the fine editions of The Early Paper Money of America. I have been an on-and-off collector of notes for over forty years, and have relied considerably on the vast knowledge of the subject that you have so admirably documented.

My reason for writing now, other than to congratulate you on your contributions of course, is to acquaint you with a possible minor revision/addition to your catalog. I have in my collection a Continental Currency fifty dollar note (apparently not counterfeit) of the 26 September 1778 emission. Though it is only in fine condition, I nonetheless believe one of its signatories is J[ohn] Salter. According to your 4th edition list of signatories, John Salter is shown on page 81 as a signer only of the 22 July 1776 issue.

I would be pleased to send you a photocopy of my note, but first wanted to establish direct contact with you. Should you get this letter, and should you wish to explore this issue, I would be most pleased to continue our discussion.

Thank you in advance for your kind attention. Enclosed is a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your use in replying.

Yours truly,


Roger E. Barnes